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SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS IN ITALIAN UNIVER-
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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT THE USG SHOULD NOT TRY TO HAVE
GOI DECISION OVERTURNED. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE EXPLORING WITH
GOI WAYS IN WHICH LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF AMERICAN STUDENTS
AND INSTITUTIONS CAN BE SATISFIED.

2. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT A NEW BILATERAL EXCHANGE AGREE-
MENT AUTHORIZING A CERTAIN RECIPROCAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO
STUDY IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DESIR-
ABLE OR USEFUL. ARTICLES 1 AND 3 OF THE PENDING FULBRIGHT
AGREEMENT RECOGNIZE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION'S BROAD ROLE IN
PROMOTING STUDENT EXCHANGE.

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3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO MONTEZMOLO'S IDEA WHICH
INVOLVED SETTING UP NOMINAL GOI SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AMERICAN
STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE ITALIANS MAY FIND THIS
DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT.

4. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOI, YOU SHOULD RE-STATE
OUR SPECIAL CONCERN ABOUT THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE

THROUGH PRE-ENROLLMENT FORMALITIES AND EXPENSES. SUCH
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ASSIST AMERICAN
STUDENTS IN OVERCOMING THE BARRIERS SHOULD IN THE FIRST
INSTANCE ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THIS GROUP. WE SUGGEST THAT
FULBRIGHT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCELBA MIGHT BE
ABLE OFFER ADVICE ON PROBLEM AND EXPLORE LIMITS TO WHICH
COMMISSION STAFF MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. VANCE

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